B-BÉTHEMONT...?
BA-THUMP
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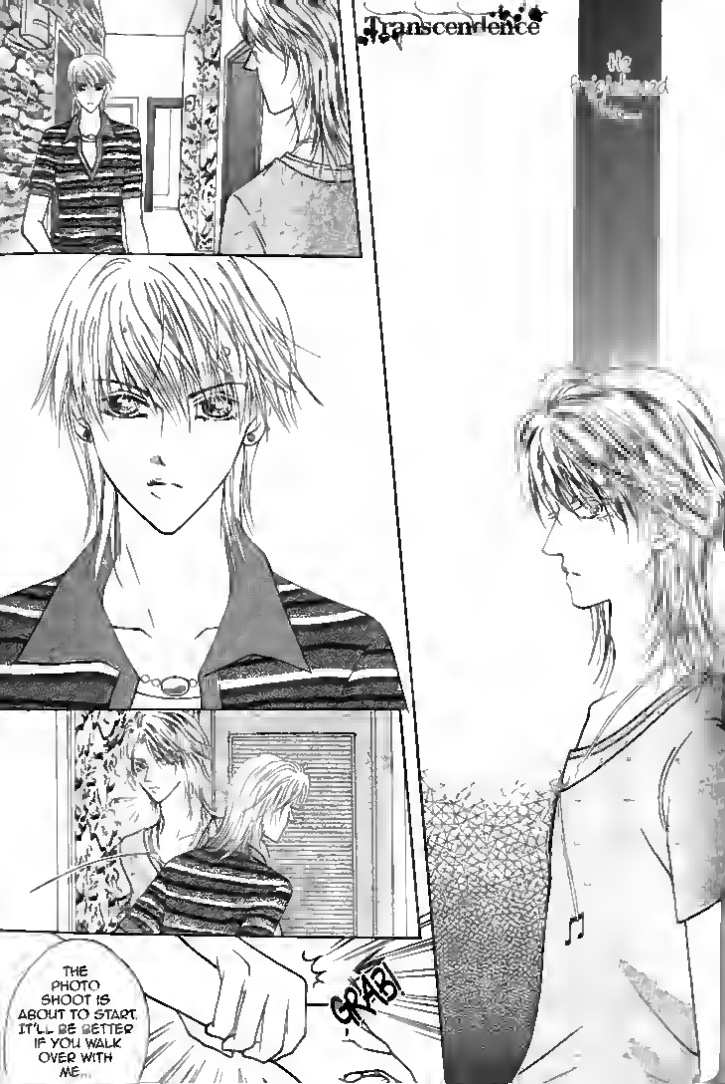
W-WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU FROWNING?
ON YOUR NECK
WE SHOULD COVER IT UP WITH FOUNDATION—
BA-THUMP
HUH? THE SIDE OF MY. NECK?

AHHHHH!
THERE'S A HICKEY!
This is so embarrassing! Stupid Sheng Ye! Lousy Sheng Ye! He actually gave me a hickey?!
T--that startled me...
BAM!
Just now, Ethemont's behavior...
BA-THUMB BA-THUMB
.....
What was he trying to do? That idiot!
THEY'RE ALL OUTSIDE WAITING FOR ME. YOU SHOULD CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!
AH... YES...


THE PHOTO SHOOT IS ABOUT TO START. IT'LL BE BETTER IF YOU WALK OVER WITH ME.
GRAB!

JERK AWAY!!
STOP PRETENDING LIKE YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT US,
DO YOU THINK I CAN'T SEE THROUGH YOUR CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE?!
HEH..
CONDESCENDING... YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY FORWARD.

WHY SHOULD I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU?!
SO WHAT IF THE TWO OF YOU ARE DATING?
ONCE THE RELATIONSHIP IS EXPOSED SHE'LL BE THE REAL VICTIM. IF IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, I WOULDN'T EVEN BOTHER!
ÉLIZÉ REALLY LOVES YOU!...

Note: [*] Denotes speech in French.

*Don't presume that I don't understand French!
*It's more comfortable for me to speak in French. It doesn't matter if you understand or don't understand what I'm saying!
*How surprising?!
*What a secretive person you are. Looks like I'm not the only one playing around...
*After taking photos for so long I'm more or less aware of the true character of the model...
*You're a person that hides your true emotions. You crave for love. Yet you don't know how to give it...
*You're lording over Élizé as if she's a toy that you own.
*And behaving unreasonably like a child...
*The opinions of outsiders are seriously absurd!

*VERY SOON. ÉLIZÉ SOULD REALIZE THAT THERE'S SOMEONE MORE IMPORTANT TO HER THAN YOU...

*SINCE IT'S ONLY A MOMENT OF TEMPORARY PASSION THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO APPROVE OF IT AT ALL

I SAY...

SINCE BOTH OF YOU AREN'T TAKING PHOTOS ANY TIME SOON...

If you want to play in the water, it'll be more fun to choose your own swimming ring.

WE KNOW HOW TO SWIM, SO WE DON'T NEED THEM!

Oy! You should just join me! What's there to think so hard about using the swim ring while playing in the water?!

Swimming ring creativity Gao Xiang / Xing Wu

PANG

BANG

IT LOOKS PRETTY FLIMSY...

All right, all right! I specially made swim rings that suit the both of you!

YOU STUPID WOMAN! ARE YOU ADDICTED TO PLAYING WITH TIGERS?! YOU EVEN PREPARED THE WHOLE SET WITH SHOES INCLUDED?!
Whoa! You look so handsome!
Can't call him cute...
He got in?!
W-?!
ROAR
ARE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON HOW TERRIFYING I CAN BE?!
Ah!
W-WHY WOULD I EVEN DARE TO IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARY SO I MADE A MAJESTIC TIGER OUTFIT FOR YOU!
Swimming ring Creativity Zhang Hua / Qian Xiao
HANDSOME?
Hey!?! You're too easy to convince... It was obviously... adorable...
ALL RIGHT! I'LL FORGIVE YOU THEN.
Time to go into the water!
Ah Yao! Choose from the two remaining swim rings!
Huh?!
MAJESTIC?!

Ugh...
AND ANOTHER ONE WITH AN ADORABLE MONKEY AH YAO YOU SHOULD CHOOSE ONE
Swimming ring creativity Taiyan / Zhan Yu
THERE'S A DESIGN WITH FLOWERS,
Swimming ring creativity Tai Yuan/ Angel
A SCENARIO WITH NO WAY OUT...
What are you guys doing?!
Wei!
Do you want to be scalded?!
Wei!
Look here!
So cute!
Ahh!
XIAO YI THERE'S SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE PHOTO SHOOT DO YOU WANT TO HEAD OVER AND CHECK THINGS OUT?
APPARENTLY SHENG YE DOESN'T WANT HIS PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN BY BETHEMONT...
HUH?
WHAT THE HELL! YOU'RE NOT PUTTING IT ON?!
Splash
Splash
IT'S ALREADY VEXING TO CHOOSE A CUTE SWIM RING,
I'M NOT CRAZY ENOUGH TO PUT IT ON!
HE DOESN'T WANT HIS PHOTOS TAKEN.. DID THEY GET INTO ANOTHER FIGHT?!
IT'LL BE FINE IF IT WAS LIKE THAT... HOWEVER WITH SHENG YE'S ATTITUDE...

Swan!
Swan!
Swan!
Swan!
Shena
Realize!
KA-CHAK!
OLYMPUS
Pissed off...

THROWS
I SAID THAT I'M NOT SHOOTING!
NOT SHOOTING? I THOUGHT THAT YOUR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS WERE VERY GOOD.
ARE YOU SCARED THAT I'LL READ YOUR MIND?
WHY CAN'T I TAKE PHOTOS?

.....
SHENG YE!!!
WALKS AWAY
NO! SHENG YE!!!
IF YOU CAN'T TAKE PHOTOS OF SHENG YE, IT'S FINE TO START WITH ME FIRST
SHENG YE!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND BÉTHE-MONT?!
SHENG YE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ALREADY
WHAT?!
IT'S JUST ME BEHAVING WILLFULLY!
DID BETHEMONT SAY SOMETHING?
YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL BOTHERED BY IT! TO BETHEMONT, IT'S TRUE THAT ALL OF US ARE JUST CHILDREN
I'M JUST A STUBBORN KID WHO LOVES TO THROW HIS TEMPER AROUND!
ALSO, YOU'RE ALWAYS VERY CLEAR ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES
YOU WOULDN'T THROW YOUR TEMPER AROUND FOR NOTHING
YEAH... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
I don't know what I should do...
behaving unreasonably like a child
YOU SIMPLY WISH TO BE RESPECTED, BUT IT'S EASY TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY OTHER PEOPLE IF YOU BEHAVE THIS WAY

This is the only way I know how to express myself.
So what if I'm lording over her like she's my toy?
I won't let go of her! I'll never let go of her!
SHENG YE... WHAT'S WRONG?
KACHAK
*YES... WE'LL CONTINUE THE SHOOT LATER...
*HAVE YOU FINISHED TALKING?
*YOU FORGET YOUR BROTHER ONCE YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
Ah Ah
*BÈTHEMONT SHENG YE ALWAYS HAD SUCH A TEMPER. PLEASE BEAR WITH HIM A LITTLE...
*IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

*THE BOTH OF YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME.
*I DO NOT WISH TO QUANTIFY WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME...
*I CAN'T ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN
XIAO YI, I'M THIRSTY! PLEASE BRING ME A BOTTLE OF MINERAL WATER!
*THERE ARE STILL PHOTOS? GREAT!
OKAY!
*IT'S NOTHING... I HAVE A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE PREVIOUS PHOTO BOOK. COME TO MY ROOM TO GET IT ONCE YOU'VE FINISHED EATING DINNER!
*HUH? BEHEMONT WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN LOOKING AT XIAO YI
.....

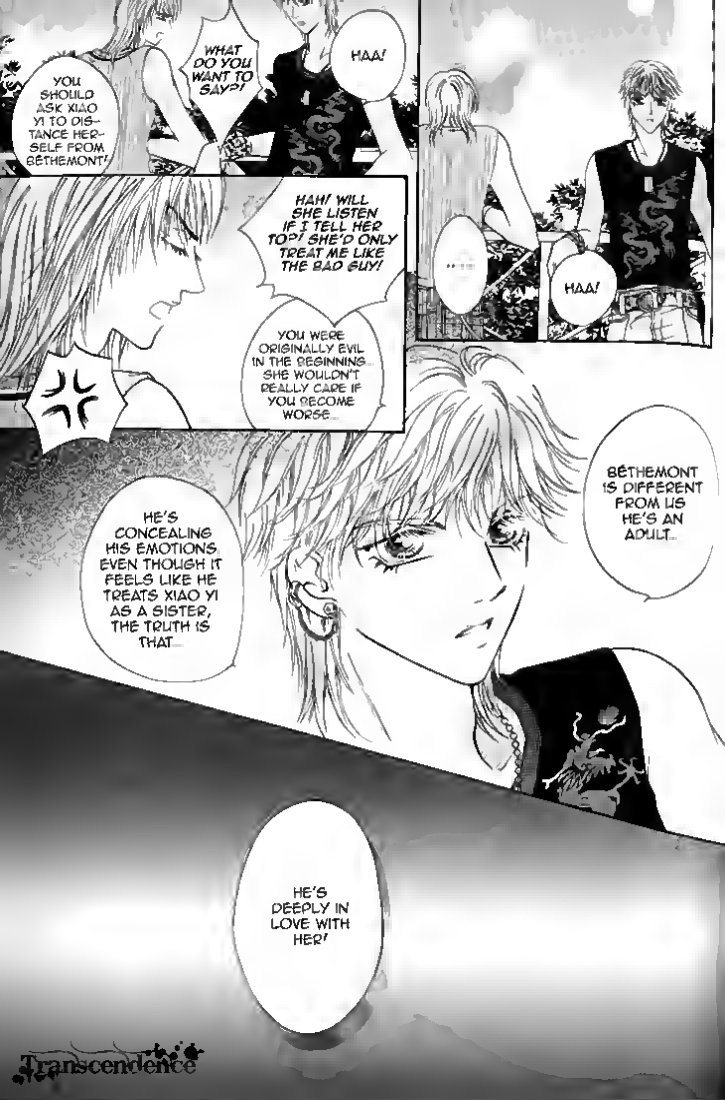
YOU NO LONGER LOOK AT HER AS A SISTER!
IT MUST BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO CONCEAL YOUR EMOTIONS!
YOU SEEM TO BE SPEAKING FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE... HAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED TO YOU BEFORE?
YOU AREN'T STOPPING THEM, BUT USING REASONABLE MEANS TO SEPARATE THEM.
ÉLIZÉ IS A SISTER TO ME, BUT SHE'S ALSO AN ATTRACTIVE GIRL.
OLYMPUS

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SURPRISED
WHERE ARE YOU GOING SO SOON AFTER DINNER?
AH, I'M GOING BACK TO THE ROOM TO TIDY UP THE OUTFITS USED FOR TODAY'S PHOTOSHOOT!
SHENG YE!
WE'VE FINISHED THE WORK FOR TODAY YOU SHOULD ALSO TAKE A BREAK

Slowly with as much time as we need spent together
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A LITTLE WHILE...
He once said that that he wasn't the type to be caring
STOP DOING THINGS THAT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO. YOU'RE BURNING YOURSELF OUT!
He has no idea that he has gradually learned how to care...
I'LL COME AND FIND YOU LATER!

Therefore I decided not to tell him
They didn't get along very well in the afternoon
KNOCK KNOCK
Truthfully tidying the clothes will only take a little while...
RUN! RUN! RUN!
See you later!
*Bethemont!
he'd definitely get angry
I told she the truth
*Come in...

SLAM
It'll only take a little while anyway...
Really? Hahaha! That's hilarious!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S WHY I TOLD HER
LIKE WHAT HAPPENED DURING BREAK TIME THIS AFTERNOON...
AND THEN?
LET'S TALK ABOUT IT LATER
OH... OKAY...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU'RE NOT ON A DATE WITH XIAO YI, SO YOU'RE GIVING ME A DEATH GLARE FROM THE SIDE, SPOILING MY CHANCES WITH WOMEN!
SHE'S TIDYING THE OUTFITS FROM THE PHOTO SHOOT.


YOU SHOULD ASK XIAO YI TO DISTANCE HERSELF FROM BETHEMONT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?!
HAA!
HAH! WILL SHE LISTEN IF I TELL HER TO?! SHE'D ONLY TREAT ME LIKE THE BAD GUY!
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY EVIL IN THE BEGINNING... SHE WOULDN'T REALLY CARE IF YOU BECOME WORSE...
...
HAA!
BETHEMONT IS DIFFERENT FROM US HE'S AN ADULT...
HE'S CONCEALING HIS EMOTIONS EVEN THOUGH IT FEELS LIKE HE TREATS XIAO YI AS A SISTER, THE TRUTH IS THAT...
HE'S DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH HER!

Ah...
ah..
*These...
These are...

*I THINK... NO MATTER IF IT'S A COMMERCIAL SHOOT OR SCENERY PHOTOS, THE PHOTOS YOU TAKE WILL ALWAYS AWE PEOPLE...
*IT'S MORE THAN LIKING THEM... THEY ARE REALLY GREAT PHOTOS.
*HOW IS IT? DO YOU LIKE THEM?
*MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ARE RESURFACING...
*THE REAL FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND EMOTIONS ARE CAPTURED PERFECTLY! IT'S REALLY EXCITING!
This photograph must've been taken during the summer of 19XX in Paris.
*TAKE A LOOK AT THE PHOTOS WHILE I DRY MY HAIR!
*OKAY!
It's only during this time period that the bustling city of Paris would be quieter!

I really miss the blooming flower seasons of Paris

She's asleep...

*ÉLIZÉ...
YOU'RE REALLY
DEFENSELESS.

*"Didn't you want to enter the field of commercial photography? Why are you stepping away from it instead?"
STEP
STEP
*The exhibition went in the wrong direction. I refuse to go forward with it!
STEP
*Where's Élizé? Didn't I tell her to wait for me here?
"Bethemont!!! The photo exhibition seems to be surprisingly successful! The memorial photoworks were also sold out!"
We only lack your consent. What are you waiting for?"
*What?! She just said she'd come find you with someone..
*Élizé!
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

*ÉLIZE! I TOLD YOU NOT TO WANDER AROUND!
*I WAITED FOR SO LONG I JUST WANTED TO GO OVER AND FIND YOU...
.....
*WHAT ARE YOU SO NERVOUS ABOUT? IT'S NOT RIGHT TO LEAVE HER ALONE...
*BÉTHEMONT!!!
*SHE'S THE REAL FROM THE..
CHATTER
*SO ADORABLE!
The effect from the success of the exhibition was something that I didn't expect...
Everyone that saw her wanted to explore further into this real life orientalt doll...
*REMEMBER! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITH ANYONE BUT ME!
They were all trapped in the charm of her black pupils
*AH...

Are you a pedophile?
*Oh, really? Your photo book was shot very well, so well that...
*It has attracted a bunch of fanatics that are obsessed with her...
*Auntie Shanna, you're thinking too much into it. This is just a very ordinary goodnight kiss...

*It was right for you to call a stop to it. You should be the one to end this disturbance.
*Fighting amongst themselves to collect the oriental doll to play with...
I didn't want to push her away...
Temporary passion?
*For you... it's just a moment of temporary passion...
*Find books to read by yourself! Auntie Shanna will be picking you up soon...
Shanna realised it...
*You're already nineteen. You should be busy with your own affairs. If you always accompany Yi, your girlfriend would definitely hate it...
*Don't let Yi hold you back from your career prospects...
didn't want to do that at all!

I sensed the waning moonlight...
The ever-dim, fiery yearning never ceased...
Hidden in my heart...
*BÉTHEMONT?
The desire to possess you for myself has never ceased, at all...
BA-THUMP
Hmhm...?
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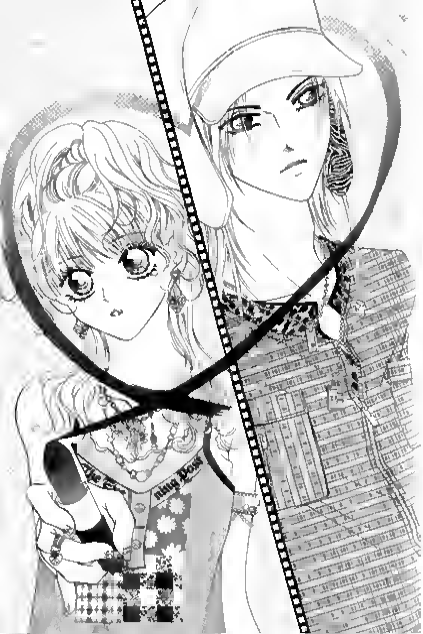
*Really...
*What is it? You seem tense.
BA-THUMP
*Erm, Béthemont... Could you move a little? I want to get up...
BA-THUMP!
The sudden Fear...
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
I had feelings to back...
*Élizé, you should be more cautious when you're alone with the opposite sex...
BA-THUMP!
*Did you... sense the change in the atmosphere?
*It's good if you're all right...
BA-THUMP
*No... I'm fine!
SWIPE
Strange... I don't wonder— about why I feel nervous
BA-THUMP

*Uh... Huh...?!
GRAB
BA-THUMP!
BA-THUMP!
BA-THUMP!
*B-Béthemont... W-what are you talking about?!
Huh
*You finally saw me as a man?
*Wha...?!

*Bèthe-mont, no!
Push
Struggle
*Mm...?!
*Élizé, be good. I won't hurt you... Don't resist!
*Wha...?!
No!!!
*Listen to me...



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